

Candidates

Irene Brown

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During her service on the School Committee, she has given these goals a number one priority with no little consideration to the taxpayers, especially those on fixed or limited incomes. "I believe that while a School Committee member represents the entire community at all times, his or her primary responsibility is to the children. My record has shown that I have always acted in this manner and shall continue to do so. If reelected to the School Committee, I shall continue to study all the matters brought before the Committee and act reasonably on each one. I shall continue to foster the peace and harmony that presently permeates our school system. These past 18 months have seen me serving on a Committee that has brought to the community two of the lowest increase budgets in recent years," she says. "Our children are our greatest resource and should be nourished educationally to prepare them for their future and the continued well-being of all citizens."

Martha Gjestebj

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Communication Council, co-chairman of the Community Center Board and member of the Boosters Club.

A former member of the Planning Board, Mrs. Gjestebj has also held an appointed position on the physical education and athletic subcommittee of the School Committee and has been a co-chairman of the Junior High School Communication Council.

Mrs. Gjestebj believes a School Committee member should be primarily interested in the education of children and in continuing to improve the quality of the curriculum while being ever mindful of fiscal responsibility. Several years ago, Mrs. Gjestebj helped with the implementation of the high school math laboratory as a volunteer. It is now regularly staffed with math aides. Mrs. Gjestebj said she has always been available for other help in the schools and has regularly attended School Committee meetings.

Mrs. Gjestebj and her husband Arne have lived in Cohasset 18 years. They are parents of four children who have either attended or are presently attending Cohasset schools.

Mrs. Gjestebj is a graduate of Simmons College and has done graduate work at Harvard University.

John Kinchla

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Center. He and his wife Nancy have lived at 249 Beechwood St. for six years and have two pre-school sons.

He is beginning a career as an industrial writer and has written for the Muscular Dystrophy Ass'n., Spector-Hennis Freight Systems and

Evergreen East Plantations. He is also a wholesaler and retailer of Christmas trees and is a member of the National Christmas Tree Growers Ass'n.

As a former teacher, Kinchla has taught writing at Boston College High School and Taconic Comprehensive High School in Pittsfield. He has been a counselor at Mass. Chronic Diseases Hospital and with youths in Cohasset and Weymouth.

Kinchla feels his background prepares him for school committee responsibilities. As a businessman, Kinchla notes that he understands financing and budgeting. Experience as an educator, he continues, has made him aware of classroom realities. His work with youth has made him aware of the strengths of a Cohasset education and of the areas which may need improvement.

Kinchla notes that he understands the time involved to thoughtfully represent residents. He points out that he is

the father of two young sons and welcomes the opportunity to help plan a school system certain to be greatly affected by declining enrollment.

According to Kinchla, the most important work of the School Committee in the next three years will be to logically and purposefully plan a small-school system. To that end,

he feels a strong and proven curriculum of the basics and the arts must be emphasized.

"Economics will be both necessary and desirable. We must begin now to plan the equitable reduction of teachers and staff and the utilization of school property in a cost-efficient manner," Kinchla states.

He feels that as the budget becomes an increasing concern, a better job of reporting must be done to all taxpayers. Most importantly, budget concerns have to be coupled with the determination to provide the highest quality education for our children.

Sewer Conference Saturday

A South Shore conference, entitled Sewers and Alternatives, will be held in Cohasset March 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave. (by the common).

Speakers for the conference, which is open to all South Shore residents, will outline case histories of several New England towns which solved their sewage problems unconventionally. Three consulting engineers who developed the innovative approach-

es for disposing the wastewater will explain the operation of their systems.

Funding and regulating innovative wastewater systems will be spelled out by speakers representing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering. The role of the Division of Water Pollution Control in semi-rural towns will also be addressed by a representative from that office.

New techniques to extend

the life of a septic system through water conservation and innovative technical devices will be examined, as well as methods to avoid and correct failing septic systems.

There will also be exhibits displayed in companies manufacturing innovative systems.

The conference is sponsored by the Cohasset League of Women Voters, the Cohasset Council of Garden Clubs and the Cohasset Wastewater Study Group.

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